



# Correspondence Management System

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## Citizen Information

**Citizen/Originator:** Boerner, William G.  
Organization: N/A  
Address: 2131 Tori Lane, Marinette, WI 54143

**Constituent:** N/A  
**Committee:** N/A  
**Sub-Committee:** N/A

## Control Information

**Control Number:** AX-17-000-0885  
**Status:** Pending  
**Due Date:** Nov 14, 2016  
**Letter Date:** Oct 25, 2016  
**Addressee:** AD-Administrator  
**Contact Type:** LTR (Letter)  
**Signature:** DX-Direct Reply (Alan)  
**File Code:** 404-141-02-01\_141\_b Controlled and Major Corr. Record copy of the offices of Division Directors and other personnel.

**Alternate Number:** N/A  
**Closed Date:** N/A  
**# of Extensions:** 0  
**Received Date:** Oct 31, 2016  
**Addressee Org:** EPA  
**Priority Code:** Normal  
**Signature Date:** N/A

**Subject:** Request for Environmental Impact Study for Menominee County Michigan, Marinette County Wisconsin and the Menominee River as a principal waterway between Michigan and Wisconsin

**Instructions:** DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns

**Instruction Note:** N/A

**General Notes:** N/A

**CC:** OCIR-ORO - Office of Regional Operations  
OW - Office of Water -- Immediate Office

## Lead Information

**Lead Author:** Darrel Harmon  
**Office:** R5-IEO  
**Due Date:** Nov 14, 2016  
**Assigned Date:** Oct 31, 2016  
**Complete Date:** N/A  
**Instruction:** DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns

## Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
Ken Labbe	OEX	R5	Oct 31, 2016	Nov 14, 2016	N/A
	<b>Instruction:</b> DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns				
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Tywanna Greene	Oct 31, 2016	Nov 14, 2016	N/A
	<b>Instruction:</b> N/A				

## Supporting Information



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Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Elizabeth Rosado	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Kendall Cannon	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Tracy Jamison	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Andrea Breese	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Darrel Harmon	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Jesse McDaniel	Oct 31, 2016

## History

Action By	Office	Action	Date
Ken Labbe	OEX	Assign R5 as lead office	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Accepted the group assignment	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Tywana Greene as lead	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Elizabeth Rosado to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Kendall Cannon to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Tracy Jamison to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Andrea Breese to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Darrel Harmon to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Gayvonne Gary	R5	Assign Jesse McDaniel to support the control	Oct 31, 2016
Darrel Harmon	R5-IEO	Take task	Oct 31, 2016

## Comments

Commentator	Comment	Date
	No Record Found.	

October 25, 2016

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Administrator Gina McCarthy  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Re: Petition – Request for 'Environmental Impact Study' for Menominee County Michigan, Marinette County Wisconsin and the Menominee River as a principal waterway between the States of Michigan and Wisconsin, and the displacement and destruction of Native American Ancestral burial sites and artifacts.

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

Copies of petitions were sent to Governors Rick Snyder and Scott Walker containing 671 signatures asking for their offices to intervene in a matter of extreme importance to residents, property owners, tourists and others concerning the potentially harmful impact on the environment and economic health of the Counties of Marinette Wisconsin, Menominee Michigan and other municipalities dependent on drinking water from Lake Michigan and in particular the Bay of Green Bay. A previous petition containing over 2000 signatures of persons opposed to a mine and minerals processing operation at this location was sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in February 2016. Copies of this petition continue to be circulated in different localities including the Menominee Native American Tribal Reservation at Keshena, Wisconsin.

Aquila Resources, Inc., a Canadian mining exploration and materials processing company has applied for and is in the 'final' stage of being issued a mining and minerals processing permit by the State of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as discussed by them during a public forum held on October 6, 2016 and intend to begin operations as early as July, 2017 according to company officials.

Michigan does not require an independent environmental impact study as part of their permit requirement process in spite of extremely high risks of having a Volcanic Massive sulfide mine within 100 feet of the Menominee River and the fact Aquila Resources, Inc. intend to discharge up to 1 ½ million gallons of water daily most of which will contain sulfuric acid, cyanide, lead, and other chemicals and minerals used in the mining and processing of sulfide minerals from their open pit mine and materials processing operations into the Menominee River. (Michigan and Wisconsin share this river as a common border that empties into Lake Michigan's Bay of Green Bay 35 miles to the Southeast of the proposed mine site).

Additionally, much of the mine activity will be on Native American land, containing artifacts, ancient burial grounds and garden sites that are an important part of the culture and history of several Native American tribes that occupied settlements in this area for thousands of years.

I am requesting your approval, endorsement and help in our request for an independent impact study to be made by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management and Native American Artifacts concerning the environmental and social impact of the proposed mining and materials processing operation in Lake Township, Menominee County, Michigan.

Copies and/or versions of this letter are also being sent to other State and U.S. Government officials, however, copies of petitions may not be sent.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.G. Boerner".

William G. Boerner  
On Behalf of Concerned Citizens  
2131 Tori Ln.  
Marinette, Wisconsin 54143

Encl: Copy of Petition Form